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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly are amended by changing House Rules 18 and 22 as follows:

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(House Rule 18)

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18. Referrals to Committees.

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(a) All House Bills and Senate Bills, after being initially read by the Clerk, are automatically referred to the Rules Committee.

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(b) The ~~During odd-numbered years, the~~ Rules Committee shall thereafter refer any such bill before it to a standing committee or a special committee within 3 legislative days, provided that referral shall not be required for a House bill that is introduced after the introduction deadline for House bills or a Senate bill that is referred to the Rules Committee after the deadline for House committee consideration of Senate bills. ~~During even-numbered years, the Rules Committee shall refer to a standing committee or a special committee only appropriation bills implementing the budget and bills deemed by the Rules Committee, by the affirmative vote of a majority appointed, to be of an emergency nature or to be of substantial~~

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1 ~~importance to the operation of government. This subsection (b)~~
2 ~~applies equally to House Bills and Senate Bills introduced into~~
3 ~~or received by the House.~~

4 (b-5) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Rules Committee
5 may refer bills to a joint committee of the House and Senate
6 created by joint resolution. That joint committee shall report
7 back to the Rules Committee any recommendation for action made
8 by that joint committee. The Rules committee may, at any time,
9 however, refer the bill to a standing or special committee of
10 the House.

11 (c) A standing committee or a special committee may refer a
12 subject matter or a legislative measure pending in that
13 committee to a subcommittee of that committee.

14 (d) All legislative measures favorably reported by a
15 standing committee or a special committee, or discharged from a
16 standing committee or a special committee under Rule 58, shall
17 be referred to the House and placed on the appropriate order of
18 business, which shall appear on the daily calendar. All
19 legislative measures, except bills or resolutions on the
20 Consent Calendar, bills or resolutions assigned short debate
21 status by a standing committee or special committee, and floor
22 amendments, so referred are automatically assigned standard
23 debate status, subject to Rule 52.

24 (e) All floor amendments, joint action motions for final
25 action, conference committee reports, and motions to table
26 committee amendments, upon filing with the Clerk, are

1 automatically referred to the Rules Committee. The Rules
2 Committee may refer any floor amendment, joint action motion
3 for final action, conference committee report, or motion to
4 table a committee amendment to the House or to a standing
5 committee or a special committee for its review and
6 consideration (in those instances, and notwithstanding any
7 other provision of these Rules, the standing committee or
8 special committee may hold a hearing on and consider those
9 legislative measures pursuant to a one-hour advance notice).
10 Any floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
11 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
12 amendment that is not referred to the House by, or discharged
13 from, the Rules Committee is out of order, except that any
14 floor amendment, joint action motion for final action,
15 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
16 amendment favorably reported by, or discharged from, a standing
17 committee or a special committee is deemed referred to the
18 House by the Rules Committee for purposes of this Rule. All
19 joint action motions for final action, conference committee
20 reports and motions to table committee amendments so referred
21 are automatically assigned standard debate status, subject to
22 Rule 52. Floor amendments referred to the House under this Rule
23 are automatically assigned amendment debate status.

24 (f) The Rules Committee may at any time refer or re-refer a
25 legislative measure from a committee to a Committee of the
26 Whole or to any other committee.

1 (g) Legislative measures may be discharged from the Rules
2 Committee only by unanimous consent of the House. Any bill
3 discharged from the Rules Committee shall be placed on the
4 order of Second Reading and assigned standard debate status,
5 subject to Rule 52.

6 (h) Except for those provisions that require unanimous
7 consent, this Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative
8 vote of 71 members elected.

9 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)

10 (House Rule 22)

11 22. Committee Procedure.

12 (a) A committee may consider any legislative measure
13 referred to it, except as provided in subsection (b), and may
14 make with respect to that legislative measure one of the
15 following reports to the House or to the parent committee, as
16 appropriate:

- 17 (1) that the bill "do pass";
18 (2) that the bill "do not pass";
19 (3) that the bill "do pass as amended";
20 (4) that the bill "do not pass as amended";
21 (5) that the resolution "be adopted";
22 (6) that the resolution "be not adopted";
23 (7) that the resolution "be adopted as amended";
24 (8) that the resolution "be not adopted as amended";
25 (9) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,

1 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
2 amendment referred by the Rules Committee "be adopted";

3 (10) that the floor amendment, joint action motion,
4 conference committee report, or motion to table a committee
5 amendment referred by the Rules Committee "be not adopted";

6 (11) "without recommendation"; or

7 (12) "tabled".

8 If a legislative measure has at least 16 co-sponsors, then
9 the committee must consider it and must make one of the
10 foregoing reports to the House.

11 Any of the foregoing reports may be made only upon the
12 concurrence of a majority of those appointed. All legislative
13 measures reported "do pass", "do pass as amended", "be
14 adopted", or "be adopted as amended" are favorably reported to
15 the House. Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, any
16 legislative measure referred or re-referred to a committee and
17 not reported under this Rule shall remain in that committee.

18 (b) No bill or committee amendment that provides for an
19 appropriation of money from the State Treasury may be
20 considered by an Appropriations Committee unless the bill or
21 committee amendment is limited to appropriations to a single
22 department, office, or institution; this provision does not
23 apply to floor amendments, joint action motions, or conference
24 committee reports.

25 No bill that provides for an appropriation of money from
26 the State Treasury may be considered for passage by the House

1 unless it has first been favorably reported by an
2 Appropriations Committee or:

3 (1) the bill was discharged from an Appropriations
4 Committee under Rule 58;

5 (2) the bill was exempted from this requirement by a
6 majority of those appointed to the Rules Committee; or

7 (3) this Rule was suspended under Rule 67.

8 (c) The Chairperson of each committee, or Co-Chairperson
9 from the majority caucus of a standing or special committee,
10 shall keep, or cause to be kept by the Clerk's Office, a record
11 in which there shall be entered:

12 (1) The time and place of each meeting of the
13 committee.

14 (2) The attendance of committee members at each
15 meeting.

16 (3) The votes cast by the committee members on all
17 legislative measures acted on by the committee.

18 (4) The "Record of Committee Witness" forms executed by
19 each person appearing or registering in each committee
20 meeting, which shall include identification of the
21 witness, the person, group, or firm represented by
22 appearance and the capacity in which the representation is
23 made (if the person is representing someone other than
24 himself or herself), his or her position on the legislation
25 under consideration, and the nature of his or her desired
26 testimony.

1 (5) An audio recording of the proceedings.

2 (6) Such additional information as may be requested by
3 the Clerk.

4 (d) The committee Chairperson, or the Co-Chairperson from
5 the majority caucus of a standing or special committee, shall
6 file with the Clerk, along with every legislative measure
7 reported upon, a written report containing such information as
8 required by the Clerk. The Clerk may adopt forms, policies, and
9 procedures with respect to the preparation, filing, and
10 maintenance of the reports.

11 (e) When a committee fails to report a legislative measure
12 pending before it to the House, or when a committee fails to
13 hold a public hearing on a legislative measure pending before
14 it, the exclusive means to bring that legislative measure
15 directly before the House for its consideration is as provided
16 in Rule 18 or Rule 58.

17 (f) No legislative measure may be called for a vote in a
18 standing committee or special committee in the absence of the
19 Principal Sponsor. The committee Chairperson, the committee
20 Minority Spokesperson, or a chief co-sponsor may present a bill
21 or resolution in committee with the approval of the Principal
22 Sponsor when the committee consents. In the case of standing or
23 special committees with Co-Chairpersons from different
24 political parties, the "Chairperson" means the Co-Chairperson
25 from the majority caucus, and the "Minority Spokesperson" means
26 the Co-Chairperson from the minority caucus. This subsection

1 may not be suspended.

2 (g) Motions for committee approval of bills and resolutions
3 are renewable, provided that no bill or resolution may be voted
4 on more than twice in any committee on motions to report the
5 bill or resolution favorably, or to reconsider the vote by
6 which the committee adopted a motion to report the bill or
7 resolution unfavorably. A bill or resolution having failed to
8 receive a favorable recommendation after 2 such record votes
9 shall be automatically reported with the appropriate
10 unfavorable recommendation.

11 (h) A bill or resolution shall be given short debate status
12 by report of the committee if the bill or resolution was
13 favorably reported by a three-fifths vote of the members
14 present and voting, including those voting "present". Bills and
15 resolutions receiving favorable reports may be placed upon the
16 Consent Calendar as provided in Rule 42.

17 (i) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote
18 of 71 members elected.

19 (Source: H.R. 45, 96th G.A.)